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REMARKS

This is in response to the Office Action dated June 18, 2003. Claims 2-3 and 15-20 have been canceled. New claims 21-33 have been added. Thus, claims 1, 4-14 and 21-33 are now pending.

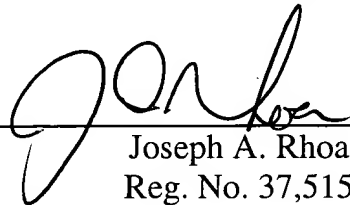
Applicant notes with appreciation the Examiner's indication that claims 3 and 11 contain allowable subject matter. Allowable claim 3 has been added to claim 1. Allowable claim 3 is also present in new claim 33. Furthermore, allowable claim 11 has essentially been rewritten in independent form as new claim 21. Thus, all claims are now in condition for allowance.

For the foregoing reasons, the application is now in condition for allowance. If any minor matter remains to be resolved, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned with regard to the same.

Respectfully submitted,

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